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Abstract Submissions
American Association for Thoracic Surgery
1000 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor
Cambridge, MA 02138

Receipt of each abstract will be acknowledged by e-mail, fax, or mail. Notification of the decision of the Program Committee will be distributed by December 31, 1998.

Essayists selected for the program are reminded that papers presented at the meeting are to be submitted for consideration for publication to *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* and must be handed to the Chair immediately prior to their presentation.

C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum

The Second Annual C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum will be held on Tuesday morning, April 20, 1999. Made possible through an educational grant from St. Jude Medical, the Forum will consist of the presentation of original work by residents in thoracic surgical training programs in North America. Abstracts submitted for the award should follow the guidelines of abstract submission for electronic or paper submission noted above. The abstracts submitted for consideration for this Forum will be evaluated by the Program Committee and eight will be selected for presentation during the forum. Each of the selected authors will receive round-trip travel and accom-

modations for the duration of the AATS annual meeting. Additionally, one presentation will be selected by the Program Committee to receive the AATS C. Walton Lillehei Residents' Award, a \$5,000 prize. Thoracic Surgery Program Directors are urged to have their residents participate in this Forum.

Abstract Deadlines—Abstracts received after the respective deadlines will not be considered

Electronic Submission: October 16, 1998

Paper Submission: October 2, 1998

Applications for membership

Applications for membership in the Association must be received by the Membership Committee Chairman no later than October 1, 1998. Applications received after that date will be deferred automatically for consideration until the 2000 meeting.

Applicants must be sponsored by three Active or Senior Members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Members should write the Chairman of the Membership Committee requesting that an application form be sent to the candidate. Requests may be sent to:

Chairman, Membership Committee
American Association for Thoracic Surgery
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THE WESTERN THORACIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

Announcement of 1999 Annual Meeting

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of The Western Thoracic Surgical Association will be held June 23-26, 1999, at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Olympic Valley (Lake Tahoe), California. The scientific sessions are open to all duly qualified physicians. Participation in other Association activities for members, invited guests, and program participants will require payment of a social registration fee. Nonmember physicians will be required to pay a scientific registration fee of \$200 in addition to the social registration fee.

Requests for meeting information

Meeting preregistration and hotel registration forms are available from:

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Material for the program

Scientific papers will be considered from members and nonmembers. Member sponsorship is not necessary. Abstracts of proposed papers must be received by the Program Chairman on or before January 13, 1999, and must be accompanied by a Transmittal of Abstract Form.

All abstracts submitted must be in the structured format as required by *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*. The structured abstract is to contain the following major headings: *Objective(s)*, *Methods*, *Results*, and *Conclusions*, and should clearly reflect the content of the completed paper. No reference should be made on the abstract to the names or institutions of the authors. Abstracts must represent unpublished work not previously presented at a major scientific meeting. Unless specified otherwise, the first named author will receive correspondence, give a ten-minute presentation of the paper, and close the discussion. Instructions and Abstract Transmittal Forms are available from:

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Successful essayists must deliver the complete manuscript at the time of presentation. The manuscript must be in a form acceptable to *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* and must not exceed 3000 words without illustrations. The essay length must be reduced appropriately when figures or tables are included.

Samson Resident Prize Essay

The Association offers a prize for the best manuscript on a topic of interest to thoracic surgeons in honor of

Paul C. Samson, MD. Candidates for the prize must be in a training program in the United States or Canada. The one essayist whose abstract, manuscript, and presentation are judged most outstanding will receive a \$2000 cash award following the presentation of all papers in California. The conditions for abstract submission, presentation, and publication as described above will apply. In addition, the *Samson Resident Prize Essay* box in the lower left hand corner of the form should be checked. A covering letter from the Chief of Service of the training program indicating the individual's year of training and the proportion of the work performed by the resident must be submitted. The authors of the abstracts chosen for the program will make up the finalists and will be notified by February 12, 1999, that they must submit *six completed manuscripts for review by the Prize Essay Committee*. The Prize Essay Committee will make its selection following the presentation of all papers.

Application for membership

Applications for membership in the Association must have been received by the Membership Committee Chairman no later than March 1, 1999, to be considered at the following annual meeting. Applicants must be sponsored by three members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Application forms will be issued only to sponsoring members.

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THE AMERICAN BOARD OF THORACIC SURGERY

Notices

The Part I (written) examination will be held at the Westin Hotel, O'Hare, 6100 River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018, on November 15, 1998. This

date reflects a change from the previous schedule of holding the examination in February. The closing date for registration was August 1, 1998.